(c) if so, the action taken by Government to resolve the issue;

(d) whether the company is facing liquidity problem to execute its order; and

(e) if so, the action taken by Government to tide over the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) to (e) BIFR sanctioned revival scheme of RBL is under implementation w.e.f. 29th May, 1998. Government of India has released Rs. 395 lakhs out of Rs. 413 Lakhs. In addition, conversion of loan into equity/ zero rate debenture and write-off of interest due to the Government have also been completed. United Bank of India, the banker of the Company, had initially shown reluctance in fulfilling its commitment made to BIFR. However, after this issue was taken up with the bank directly by the Government and also before the BIFR, the bank has in principle, agreed to provide need based working capital to the Company. Although the Company's performance has improved since implementation of its revival package, it is not as per the projections made in the package. The Company has incurred losses in the last two years as against projected profits. The Government has now decided to initiate action for induction of a strategic joint venture partner to ensure its long term viability.

Revival of BOGL

3131. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKERJEE : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state :

(a) whether an Export Group to examine the possibility of revival of BOGL has concluded that there is adequate demand for products of this unit in the strategic sectors;

(b) whether the group had also recommended to put an effective management group in place for the purpose of revival of the company;

(c) whether the revival plan recommended by the committee envisaged cash profit from the first year and net profit from the third year onwards;

(d) if so, the action taken by Government, so far, on the above recommendations; and

(e) the reasons for the delay in implemeting the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The report of the Export Group covers other enterprises besides BOGL and is under consideration of the Government for a consolidated decision.

Grant of Autonomy to PSUs

3132. SHRI ANANTA SETHI : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Public Sector Undertakings granted autonomy status as on date;

(b) whether some of these PSUs had the problem of cost and time over runs in implementation of the projects under them;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether these projects were sanctioned before autonomy was granted to these PSUs; and

(e) if so, the present status of these projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) to (e) All public sector enterprises have the required autonomy as on date to take commercial decisions within specified parameters and to duly implement projects as scheduled. Grant of autonomy is progressive and continuous. Project implementation is not impaired by lack of autonomy. There have been instances of time and cost overruns in implementing projects. Such details in respect of projects costing more than Rs. 100 crores is available in Section-II of chapter 2 of Public Enterprises Survey 1998-99, Vol. I, which was laid in the Rajya Sabha on 15th March, 2000.

Planning to Digitise Doordarshan Transmission

3133. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan is planning to digitize its transmission;